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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: POSSIBLE BERLIN CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. ON DECEMBER 19 SEVERAL ARMED MEN ROBBED A BERLIN BANK OF WELL OVER ONE MILLION DEUTSCHMARKS IN AN ATTACK TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH A MONEY TRANSPORT OPERATION. A MACHINE PISTOL BELONGING TO THE TRANSPORT GUARD, BUT NOT IN HIS IMMEDIATE POSSESSION AT THE TIME, WAS ALSO TAKEN. REPORTS HAVE TREATED THE (THUS FAR UNSOLVED) ROBBERY AS AN USUALLY LARGE BUT ROUTINE HOLDUP. POLICE SOURCES SUSPECT, HOWEVER, A TERRORIST HAND, SINCE THE SPEED AND PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED SURPASSES TYPICAL RUN-OF-THE-MILL BANK JOBS HERE.

2. POLICE HAVE UNDERTAKEN INVESTIGATIONS INTO HOW THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF A NUMBER OF WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF RECENTLY CAPTURED TERRORISTS GABRIEL KROECHER-TIEDEMANN AND CHRISTIAN MOELLER. ONE PERSON APPEARS TO HAVE RADICAL LEFT AFFILIATIONS AND SEVERAL HAVE POLICE RECORDS.

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3. COMMENT: NO ONE IS RASH ENOUGH TO PREDICT WHETHER BERLIN WILL BE THE SCENE OF TERRORIST ACTION WIDELY ANTICIPATED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED OVER SIGNS THAT GERMAN TERRORISTS IN GENERAL ARE AMASSING MONEY AND MATERIAL, AND ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF STRIKING IN ANY URBAN AREA, BERLIN INCLUDED. THERE IS CONTINUING

ANXIETY THAT, WITH ITS RELATIVELY UNCONTROLLED ACCESS AND
EASY EXIT POSSIBILITIES, BERLIN OFFERS AN ATTRACTIVE
LOCATION IN WHICH TO ATTEMPT AN ASSASSINATION. ELEMENTS
IN THE LOCAL TERRORIST COMMUNITY MAY TIRE OF THE LARGELY
PASSIVE, SUPPORTIVE ROLE IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN FOR
SOME TIME. GEORGE

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